

Outreach Mission Statement

*Guided by the Holy Spirit we seek **to recognize** the spiritual and other human needs of individuals and communities near and far and **to respond** in a manner that is biblically sound, culturally relevant, and builds relationships as we work together **to support** God's Mission.*

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- **Love for the Least, November 26th – January 21st:** Fundraising for the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center NICU in Tanzania. See details below.
- **Collection for our Homeless - Coming in February**

* OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES *

Love for the Least

LIFE SAVING FOR A NEWBORN

In Advent, we are told to watch and wait, watch and wait. For a baby born in our midst in Bethlehem, for a baby giving us life and hope.

However, for a premature baby or a baby born with severe illness today, we cannot watch and wait. To enable the baby to survive, care must be given, treatment must be started. That is our opportunity today, with the Love for the Least campaign. At Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, about 350 newborns are treated each year in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, for a cost of less than \$70 per baby per day. Low-cost, low-tech care but with very positive outcomes.

Please see our *Love for the Least* trees in the narthex and Fellowship Center lobby. See the colorful hats for preemies that are a part of the decorations on those trees. Pick an ornamental card from a tree to honor or remember someone special in your life, and give a gift through Holy Spirit to the Arusha NICU, to send a baby home ready to grow strong in God's love. (Checks or other donations can be given to Holy Spirit, with a memo line notation to Love for the Least.)



Crisis in the Holy Land

Dear friend,

Thank you for your outpouring of prayers and generosity for our siblings impacted by the conflict in the Holy Land. The humanitarian crisis continues to worsen — almost 70% of Gazan residents are displaced, and resources such as food, water and medical supplies are in short supply. The death toll has far surpassed those of previous conflicts in the region in recent decades.

[Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response have equipped us to respond to this and other disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts designated for “Middle East Crisis” will be restricted to and used in full \(100%\) for those affected by this crisis and others in the region.](#)

I'd like to tell you some of the ways Lutheran Disaster Response already accompanies our partners in the Holy Land. Lutheran Disaster Response supports:

- **Augusta Victoria Hospital.** The hospital procures medical supplies and provides accommodations for patients and staff unable to return to their homes in Gaza.
- **The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.** The church provides emergency education support for families who have lost income due to the war and are unable to pay school fees.
- **ACT Alliance.** Through implementing partners Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, ACT Alliance responds to immediate needs for psychosocial support, shelter, household items, public health centers and direct cash assistance, focusing on the Palestinian communities in Gaza, East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

These are just the first steps of what will be a long-term response. Our accompaniment of and solidarity with our partners endures, and we will work together to address other emerging needs. We continue to pray for peace with justice in the region.

I encourage you to visit the ELCA's "[Conflict in the Holy Land](#)" resource page, where you'll find worship resources, advocacy opportunities, statements from the ELCA and our partners, and more.

[GIVE NOW](#)

With gratitude,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
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OUTREACH ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Angel Network



Hello Holy Spirit!

From EHS Angel Network – “Thank you Holy Spirit! Thank you! We have once again reached our goals which were lofty this collection since we did most of both the December and Spring collection. Here’s what your generosity donated:

Canned Green Beans/Peas - 550+ WOW!

Canned Corn - 300+ WOW!

Laundry Detergent - 144 WOW!

This truly is almost unbelievable except that Tom and Deb Walsh have counted these items multiple times!!!

We estimated 130 - 140 families for December, but it's looking like that number will be closer to 160. Because of the large collection, we will have enough items to serve our families for Christmas, and we will still be in great shape for our Spring collection!

Angel Network continues to be astounded at your generosity, and we are most grateful for our partnership with Holy Spirit. This food basket distribution takes a village, and we can not express how thankful we are to all of you and your generous hearts. Thank you all again for all that you do to support EHS Angel Network! "

~ Deb Walsh and The EHS Angel Network

God’s Work Our Hands

You’ll recall our GWOH service project this past September included a care package collection for post-foster care students at Penn State and Kutztown Universities. We assembled 65 care packages! Thirty of the care packages were delivered to Kutztown University on September 27th and 35 care packages were picked up by Penn State on November 27th. Below is a thank you letter from Nadia Daher, Coordinator of the PROFS Program at Kutztown University. We also received numerous Thank You notes from the students which are available for you to read on the outreach bulletin board located in the hallway next to Room 117. Thank you again for supporting our annual GWOH day of service.



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Dear Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit,

I firstly wanted to introduce myself. My name is Nadia Daher and I am the new Student Assistance Coordinator that oversees the Providing Resources and Opportunities for Future Standouts (PROFS) Program at Kutztown University. As you are aware, PROFS is a campus support program for students who were former members of the foster care system or students who are homeless. As an alum of Kutztown University, I am so happy to be back at my alma mater in this role helping students in need.

With that being said, I would like to express my gratitude for your Church's donations to our students. I can assure you that the donations will be put to good use. The students were very excited and grateful to receive the donation boxes and wanted to share their appreciation as well.

Thank you for being a substantial partner to Kutztown University and the PROFS program. Donations from generous people like you help us in keeping our mission of supporting our neediest students.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to building our connection and partnership in this new role.

Sincerely,

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